



## 2007 World Language Fact Sheet

- Approximately 1,800 world language teachers teach in Indiana's K-12 public schools.
- Forty-four percent of students (139,465) in Indiana high schools are enrolled in a world language course. Additionally, nearly 12 percent of seventh and eighth grade students (20,481), 4 percent of sixth grade students (2,950) and 2 percent of elementary school students (9,187) study a world language.
- Approximately 97 percent of Indiana high schools offer World Languages, while 31 percent of middle schools and 2 percent of elementary schools offer World Language programs.
- Indiana schools offer the following World Languages:
  - American Sign Language
  - Chinese
  - French
  - German
  - Greek
  - Hebrew
  - Italian
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Latin
  - Russian
  - Spanish
- Indiana is home to six schools that host immersion programs.
  - Elementary Schools (Spanish)
    - Theodore Potter School 74 – Indianapolis Public Schools
    - Forest Glen Elementary – MSD Lawrence Township
    - Lindley Elementary – Fort Wayne Community Schools
  - Middle School (Spanish)
    - Craig Middle School – MSD Lawrence Township Lawrence Township
  - High School (Spanish)
    - Lawrence North High School – MSD Lawrence Township Lawrence Township
  - NonPublic K-12 (French and Spanish)
    - The International School of Indiana, Indianapolis
- Four Indiana schools were inducted as International Spanish Academies in November 2006, a designation by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science for excellence in Spanish instruction.
  - Forest Glen Elementary School, MSD Lawrence Township
  - Craig Middle School, MSD Lawrence Township
  - Lawrence North High School, MSD Lawrence Township
  - The International School of Indiana, Indianapolis
- Three Indiana school districts – two public and one nonpublic – have received funding from the U.S. Department of Education through the Federal Language Assistance Program (FLAP) in order to implement elementary Chinese programs.
  - MSD Washington Township, Indianapolis
  - Brownsburg Community Schools, Brownsburg
  - Indiana Academy for Science, Math and Humanities, Muncie

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